



# Standards & Assessment

## CAHSEE Notes

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### **Class of 2006 First Class Required to Satisfy CAHSEE Requirement**

Beginning with the class of 2006, all students must satisfy the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) requirement to receive a public high school diploma in California. Local school boards cannot overrule this state graduation requirement. However, local boards are authorized to grant students with an individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan a waiver of the requirement to pass the part(s) of the CAHSEE on which modifications were used and the equivalent of a passing score was earned as set forth in Education Code section 60851(c). Questions about the CAHSEE requirement should be directed to the California Department of Education (CDE) CAHSEE Office at (916) 445-9449.

### **Spring Administration Material Ordering and Pre-ID Deadlines**

Below are the deadlines for the spring 2006 administrations of the CAHSEE. All deadlines are at 5:00 p.m. CAHSEE administration questions should be directed to Educational

Testing Service (ETS), the contractor for the administration of the CAHSEE, at (800) 241-5687.

### **Ordering Special Test Versions**

Special versions of the CAHSEE include Braille, large-print, and audio versions of the exam. To ensure that special test versions are ordered by the designated test material ordering deadline, it is important to begin communication with school site special education coordinators early. Supplemental shipment orders can be placed for up to five percent of the initial order. ETS produces an overage of special test versions for supplemental shipment orders, but cannot guarantee that it will be able to fill a supplemental shipment order for a quantity that exceeds the five percent limit.

### **Administration Preparation and Program Update Webcast**

Earlier this month, CDE and ETS completed a series of workshops throughout the state to prepare districts for the spring 2006 administrations of the CAHSEE as well as to provide a program update. A presentation of this

Administration	Test Material Ordering Deadline	Pre-ID Deadline	Late Pre-ID Deadline	Supplemental Shipment Deadline
February 7–8, 2006	December 7	January 4	January 20	February 1
March 21–22, 2006	January 23	February 9	March 3	March 15
May 9–10, 2006	March 13	April 5	April 21	May 3

material was also made available via a Webcast from the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE). The SDCOE has made this Webcast available on its Web site at: <http://www.sdcoe.tv/archives.asp>. School district test coordinators are encouraged to view this Webcast if they did not attend one of the workshops.

### **Restriction on Use of School Code “000001”**

Beginning in 2005-06, school districts are to restrict their use of the school code “000001” to only those special education students who are receiving instruction at a nonpublic certified school (NPCS). The answer documents for these students should be marked to indicate that the student receives special education services at an NPCS and should be submitted under a header sheet with the school code “000001.” The answer documents for students who are not enrolled in an NPCS are to be submitted under the header sheet for the school at which the student receives instruction.

The CDE is currently in the process of assigning unique school numbers to NPCSSs. Beginning in 2006–07, school districts will also need to provide the NPCS’s 7-digit number.

### **Remediation and Supplemental Instruction Compendium Soon Available on CDE Web Site**

Next month, the CDE will release a compendium of CAHSEE remediation and supplemental instruction programs and strategies that have been found effective by one or more school districts throughout the state. The programs and strategies will focus on CAHSEE preparation for first-time test takers and remediation for non-passers. Attention will also be given to the specific needs of the adult students and English learners. The compendium will be posted on the CDE CAHSEE Web site at: [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs).

School districts interested in contributing to this compendium by sharing remediation and supplemental instruction programs and strategies

they have found to be effective in helping their students pass the CAHSEE are invited to contact Donna Thayer in the CAHSEE Office at (916) 319-0345.

### **CAHSEE Alternatives Public Meeting**

On December 15, the CDE held a public meeting inviting public comment on potential alternatives to the CAHSEE for students who may be unable to satisfy the CAHSEE requirement by the end of grade twelve. One of the primary goals of the meeting was to identify alternatives that would allow students to demonstrate their competency on the standards assessed by the CAHSEE at the same level of rigor. A summary of the meeting will be submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for consideration.

### **2004–05 Administration Apportionment Deadline**

In August 2005, the CDE sent an apportionment information report to each school district superintendent and independent charter school administrator with the apportionments due for each CAHSEE administration during the 2004–05 school year. Each district and independent charter school must certify the accuracy of its apportionment report and return it to the CDE. **Certified reports must be postmarked by December 31, 2005.** If postmarked after this date, the reports must be accompanied by a waiver request as provided by Education Code Section 33050. As of November 2005, many school districts and independent charter schools had not returned their certified reports to CDE.

#### **More Information...**

Additional information about the CAHSEE is available on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. Questions about the CAHSEE can be directed to the CDE CAHSEE Office at (916) 445-9449.